

## **REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the subject application as amended herein.

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 2-4, 7-26 and 50-68. This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed October 12, 2006. Claims 2-68 are pending. Claims 29-31, 35 and 38-49 are objected to. In this Amendment, the objected-to-claims 29, 30, 31 and 35 have been amended and Applicants submit that claims 29, 30, 31 and 35 are now in allowable form. No new matter is added by the amendments. Claims 38-49 either directly or indirectly depend from objected to claim 29. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 38-49 are now depending from the amended claim 29 which is in allowable form and are therefore also allowable.

Claims 5, 6, 27, 28, 32-34, 36 and 37 are rejected and have been cancelled without prejudice so the allowable claims and amended objected-to-claims can be issued. Applicants reserve the rights to pursue these cancelled claims in a Continuation Application.



### CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that in view of the amendments and cancellations set forth herein, the objections and rejections herein have been overcome. Accordingly, it is believed that all claims now pending are in condition for allowance. If the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Arthur Au at (408) 720-8300.




**Deposit Account Authorization**

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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